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## SENATE BILL No. 428

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DIGEST OF SB 428 (Updated February 16, 2005 2:16 pm - DI 104)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12; IC 27-1.

**Synopsis:** Health insurance matters. Requires a state educational institution that provides health coverage to the state educational institution's employees to provide employees with wellness education. Requires the department of insurance to report to the legislative council concerning how to establish and implement a program through which individuals and small employers may purchase group health coverage as a single group.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.  
February 17, 2005, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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## SENATE BILL No. 428

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-3.2-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 1.1. A state educational**  
4 **institution that provides a program of coverage for health care**  
5 **services for employees or retired employees of the state educational**  
6 **institution shall provide the state educational institution's**  
7 **employees with wellness education.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 27-1-39 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
9 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2005]:

11 **Chapter 39. Joint Health Coverage Purchasing Program**

12 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "small employer" means a**  
13 **private employer with less than fifty (50) employees.**

14 **Sec. 2. The department shall, not later than December 31, 2005,**  
15 **report to the legislative council with a plan concerning how to**  
16 **establish and implement a program through which two (2) or more**  
17 **individuals and small employers may jointly purchase coverage for**

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1 the individuals and employees of the small employers as members  
2 of a single group through a group policy of accident and sickness  
3 insurance (as defined in IC 27-8-5-1) or a group contract (as  
4 defined in IC 27-13-1-16). The department shall include in the  
5 report the ramifications of implementing the program and any cost  
6 savings that may occur through the implementation of the  
7 program. The report must be submitted to the legislative council  
8 in electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 428, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete pages 2 through 10.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 21.

Page 11, line 27, delete "coverage through a state employee" and insert **"state educational institution's employees with wellness education."**

Page 11, delete lines 28 through 42.

Page 12, delete lines 1 through 14.

Page 12, line 20, delete "seventy-five (75)" and insert **"fifty (50)"**.

Page 12, line 21, delete "July 1, 2006," and insert **"December 31, 2005, report to the legislative council with a plan concerning how to"**.

Page 12, line 27, after "IC 27-13-1-16)." insert **"The department shall include in the report the ramifications of implementing the program and any cost savings that may occur through the implementation of the program. The report must be submitted to the legislative council in electronic format under IC 5-14-6."**

Page 12, delete lines 28 through 42.

Delete pages 13 through 16.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 428 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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